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Oakes C-Store Sells \$20,800 Ticket -- Bottineau Man Doubles His Winnings

The Circle 'R' convenience store in Oakes, ND, sold a \$20,800 Powerball/Power Play winning lottery ticket this week.

The player that won purchased five Powerball plays for \$5 and added the Power Play option to all five for another \$5. A \$10 purchase. The player won on all five plays. One play won \$10,000 and the remaining four plays won \$100 each. Each prize doubled because the Power Play number for that draw was 2. The \$10,000 doubled to \$20,000 and all four \$100 wins doubled to \$200 each.

John Ihla, Bottineau, ND, doubled his winning, too. Ihla bought a lottery ticket at Bottineau's Dan's SuperValu. He won \$5,000. He won \$5,000 playing the same game, Wild Card 2, earlier this year.

Ihla put a new furnace in his home when he won the first time. This time he plans to put some of the money into his retirement account and then buy a recliner, "A retirement chair!" laughed Ihla.

Ihla said he tries to stop twice a week to buy lottery tickets and that he wins money most of the time. He said people constantly ask him how he does it. Ihla said he tells them, "Ya gotta play if you want to win!"

Another \$5,000 Wild Card 2 ticket was sold at the Expressway Amoco in Bismarck. No one has claimed the prize yet. Seventeen \$5,000 Wild Card 2 prizes and a \$420,094 Jackpot have been won by North Dakota players since January 1, 2005.

Saturday's Powerball jackpot is an estimated \$167 million for this Saturday's Powerball draw. The Hot Lotto Jackpot is \$1.1 million and the Wild Card 2's Jackpot is \$135,000.

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